

## NATION'S MOST EXTRAVAGANT CONGRESS ENDS FIRST SESSION

Grand Exodus Before the Final Scene Took Place

100% PROBE ORDERED

Southern Senators Who Opposed Pension Were Butts of a Joke

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Congress adjourned this morning at ten o'clock, concluding a session marked by many respects for the future running well toward \$2,000,000,000.

Only a small portion of the members were on hand to watch the session die. Most had hurried to the homes at the end of the late session last night or even days before and a month after the political campaign return for the short session.

Last night both houses accepted the conference report on the emergency revenue bill without a record vote and the Senate before recessing an hour after midnight ratified the Danish West Indies purchase treaty. The general deficiency appropriation bill also was approved as reported by conference.

Today's session was necessitated only by plan for time to print the measure in proper form to be signed. Conference reached an agreement on the bill in the evening after spending two days on it.

The Senate began its session at 8 a. m. following an adjournment at one a. m. upon the passage of the emergency revenue bill. At the outset Senator James Hughes Hamilton sought to have passed the Revenue bill without a session. Senator Hughes Hamilton announced that such a measure could not pass for several years if he could prevent it. Senator Owen then addressed the Senate on his corrupt practices bill. Senator Owen said that he would not further press his bill at this session but would let it remain unfinished business before that body and call it up again next session.

A resolution by Senator Curtis of Kansas directing the Senate lobby committee to investigate the activities of an alleged foreign lobby opposing ratification of the revenue bill against Canadian fisheries was passed today by the Senate.

Soon after nine o'clock President Wilson went to the Capitol to sign bills. The President held a reception in his room as a line of Senators and Representatives passed through while he sat at a table signing bills.

As the President was about to sign the \$30 million pension bill with Representative Ashbrook of Ohio, its sponsor, by its side Senators Smith of Georgia, and Bryan of Florida, who opposed it vigorously until the last minute entered the President's room and Mr. Ashbrook asked them to witness the signature. The President smiled as the two Senators hurried away. The President congratulated Senate leaders on the opportunity for a "well earned rest." Officially he informed them that he had nothing further to communicate to the Congress.

When they left the President's room the chief executive was joined by Secretary Lansing who chatted with him as he continued to sign bills. Senators Kern and Smoot and Representatives Kitchin, Fitzgerald and Mann were the committee to notify the President that Congress was about to adjourn. The President having nothing to communicate to either body and the committee so reporting the Senate adjourned at 9:59 and the House one minute later.

## High Lights on European War

PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—Russian troops which crossed the Dvina river north of Dvinsk were attacked repeatedly by the Germans yesterday but succeeded in holding the captured position.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—British troops southwest of Lille last night raised German trenches southeast of Ghinchi and near Fischebourg L'Avoue inflicting severe losses on their occupants, says the British official statement of today.

PARIS, Sept. 8.—Renewed and particularly violent attacks were made by the Germans on the Somme front last night in an effort to regain ground won by the French. The War office said today that the German assaults were futile, the French holding their ground everywhere.

BERLIN, Sept. 8.—An official statement says that several Russian aeroplanes attacked with bombs German positions in Courland but that the attacks were without success. German and aircraft guns forced one hostile biplane to land and the occupants were made prisoners.

## The Weather.

West Virginia—Showers this afternoon; fair and cooler tonight and Saturday.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS.  
F. P. Hall, Observer.  
Temperature at 8 a. m. today, 71. Yesterday's weather, cloudy; temperature, maximum, 89; minimum, 66; precipitation, trace.

## Half Billion More Than Any G.O.P. Congress

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Congress at the session which closed today appropriated exactly \$1,626,439,210, which with obligations and authorizations for the future makes the total \$1,858,384,455. These figures announced in speeches by Representatives Fitzgerald of New York, Democrat, and Gillett of Massachusetts, Republican, were defeated by the former and attacked by the latter as half a billion dollars greater than any session of a Republican Congress.

## THOUSANDS ARE TURNED FROM THE HUGHES MEETINGS

Republican Candidate Enthusiastically Greeted In New England

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 8.—Charles E. Hughes told a New England audience last night that he would rather stand for the principle of reason in legislation and go down to defeat than to yield "one jet or tithe" of it and become President of the United States.

Before five crowded audiences in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine the nominee assailed the administration vigorously for the enactment of the Adamson eight-hour law. He called it "not an eight-hour law, but a wage-law," and said that it was passed "consciously in ignorance of the facts," and asserted that while it had been said in its favor that society favored the eight-hour day, society had nothing to do with the measure and declared emphatically that "that kind of virus in our life" would bring the nation to disaster in the end.

Mr. Hughes was greeted in Portland by an old-fashioned torchlight parade, with red-fire, and faced an audience in the city hall auditorium from which so many were turned away that an overflow meeting of several thousand was formed outside.

He spoke from the platform where Raymond Robins, chairman of the Progressive National convention at Chicago, had just told the audience why he was no longer a Democrat or a Republican. He said that he supported the Republican ticket. Previously, the nominee had spoken at Beverly, Mass., Hampton Beach and Portsmouth, N. H., and York Harbor, Maine. In each address he assailed the administration for the enactment of the Adamson law.

"It is because I am so solicitous," he told an audience in the town house yard at York Harbor, "with respect to the progress to be made in industrial co-operation and advancement of labor that I deeply deplore in the name of labor, in the name of justice, in the name of American ideals, the surrender of the executive and congress to force, instead of permitting reason to reign."

In his Portland speech Mr. Hughes reiterated his stand on the tariff efficiency of government, the merit system, protection of American rights and other issues of the campaign.

Before the nominee spoke, Mr. Robins addressed the crowd. "I have no apologies to make for having been a Democrat or a Progressive," he said. "One reason why I am no longer a Democrat and do not intend to go back to the Democratic party is because I know the Democratic party too well."

Mr. Robins said that he was born in the south and added: "The economic and social issues which confront the country cannot be entrusted to a party that is under southern control. There are good men and women in the south but southern life has not kept step with our western and northern life."

## Girl Admits Killing Boy Who Cursed Her

HAD BEEN SWEETHEARTS. NOW SHE MUST STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER.

(By Associated Press)  
HUNTSVILLE, Ark., Sept. 8.—Nomi Beach, 18 year old daughter of a farmer living near here today was indicted on a charge of first degree murder.

She is said to have admitted she shot and killed Earl Sisco aged 20, son of a neighbor on July 11. They had been sweethearts but had quarreled.

The girl is reported to have said that she killed the boy because he cursed her when she sought a reconciliation.

PERSONALS.  
Mrs. Maurice Miller and daughter, Miss Mary Moore Miller and Mrs. E. F. Reed and Mrs. Tom Powell are visiting Mrs. Powell's mother, Mrs. Kinsey, near Mannington.

## Lovers Lane Murder Reveals Remarkable Chain of Tragedies in the Dilworth Family



Above, Miss Mary McNiff, pretty business woman who was with Dwight P. Dilworth, at right, when he was murdered. Below, "Lovers Lane" where the shooting occurred and where blackmail bandits leaving suddenly upon couples strolling there at night and demanding all the cash and values the couple may have.

## MANY CHANGES NECESSARY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Best Year in History of School Has Been Carefully Planned For

Since the City Board of Health has advised the opening of the public schools be deferred to September 25, the high school will open on this date. All those who expect to enter high school and have not enrolled are requested to call at the high school office before the opening to enroll and have their study programs arranged.

The high school building has been thoroughly cleaned from top to bottom and will be put in the best sanitary condition for the reception of pupils on the 25th. The janitors have been kept busy for several weeks going over every part of the building, thoroughly cleaning all floors, all wood surface, furniture, walls and windows. All rooms will be well disinfected. It has been found necessary to make some re-adjustment of rooms in the building in order to provide for the increased enrollment in the high school.

By making use of every class room each period in the day and by transferring the art room to the Butcher school which is very near the high school the increased enrollment for the present year can probably be taken care of. The art room of the high school will be put in the best sanitary condition for the reception of pupils on the 25th.

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## Hughes Visits Many Towns On Maine Trip

WILL CLOSE TODAY'S ACTIVITIES WITH BIG MEETING AT BANGOR.

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 8.—Charles E. Hughes entered today upon the second of three strenuous days of campaigning in Maine whose elections are to be held next Monday.

The nominee left here at 8:40 a. m. for Lewiston where he was scheduled to speak at ten o'clock. Afternoon meetings at Waterville and Pittsfield were on the program in addition to night meeting at Bangor.

A number of brief stops for short talks and for the purpose of shaking hands with persons at various railroad stations also had been arranged.

When the firemen and the trucks arrived on the scene the barn was merely blazing and too far gone for firemen to save it. The barn being filled with dry hay burned rapidly despite the hard rain that fell at the same time.

The large La France truck of the department was driven off the pavement up into the orchard near the barn but the men could do nothing except watch the barn burn. The barn and hay are a total loss.

## STREET CAR STRIKE IS FIZZLING OUT

Strike Break King Promises To Break It In Two Days

(By Associated Press)  
NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Having frustrated efforts of its striking employees to tie up the subway and elevated railway the Interborough Rapid Transit company today turned attention to its surface lines which have been crippled since the strike was declared.

Wednesday night. All cars on the so-called "green" line presenting the greater part of the surface system in Manhattan and the Bronx were withdrawn at eight o'clock last night after maintaining during the day a service barely 20 per cent. of normal.

When surface cars were started out again at 6 this morning the situation was in charge of James C. Waddell, known as the king of strike breakers. Mr. Waddell came here from Chicago last night making the run by special train in 20 hours. He promised to break the strike in 48 hours.

Subway and elevated trains ran last night and this morning as usual. A number of elevated trains were attacked during the early morning but in no case was there any approach to a mob riot. The strike thus far, according to Mr. Waddell, has cost the traction company \$200,000.

U. B. CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT CUCKHANON.  
(By Associated Press)  
CLARKSBURG, Sept. 8.—Buckhannon was chosen as the place of holding the 1917 conference of the United Brethren in Christ at today's session of the annual West Virginia conference which is being held here.

The date of the 1917 meeting will be chosen by the bishop of the church.

## WILL HOODOO GET TWO SURVIVORS; IS QUESTION ASKED

New York Lawyer's Father and Three Uncles Died By Violence

(By K. W. PAYNE.)  
MONTCLAIR, N. J., Sept. 8.—"I'll die by violence, as they did, with my boots on!"

This was the uncanny prediction made by Dwight P. Dilworth, attorney, to his wife, a short time ago, when they were discussing the strange series of murders that have nearly wiped out the whole Dilworth family!

And today, as the mystery of Dwight P. Dilworth's murder in a gloomy corner of New York's "Lovers Lane" grows deeper, friends are recalling the odd prediction and weird fulfillment!

Dilworth was the fifth member of the family to be murdered and now there are only two survivors of the family, Dilworth's little son and a brother of Dilworth, who is minister. Friends of the latest victim are death by violence are wondering if the same hoodoo hovers over these two survivors.

"It was the fighting jaw of the Dilworths that did it again! That never-say-die chin has caused another murder and made another Dilworth widow!" said one of the lawyer's brother Masons.

Over in New York the baffled police are seeking some deep motive, that will clear up the mystery beside the latest motor in which he had taken pretty Miss Mary McNiff for a ride.

Under the arching trees of the lonely New York parkway where the murder took place there have been operating what the police call the "Lovers Lane blackmail bandits!"

But the efforts of the New York police to link up the Dilworth murder with this gang that has been preying on park romancers are discounted in Montclair, Dilworth's home.

According to his neighbor, H. K. Durr, Dilworth and his wife formed with their three-year-old son an ideally happy family. Mrs. Dilworth went about a month ago to visit her family in Kansas City. Dilworth's relations with Miss Mary McNiff were simply those of a lawyer and his client.

On the tragic motor trip they were talking over legal matters, Miss McNiff, a good looking young business woman, told reporters today.

They went astray from the brightly illuminated avenue in Van Cortlandt park, she said, and had stopped to find

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## Two Bootleggers Before Squire Fleming

Raymond Carter, colored, was found guilty of a West law violation today by Squire R. Leigh Fleming. Carter was arrested the other day and two pints of whiskey were found in his possession. He appealed from Squire Fleming's decision and gave bond. Tony Rogers, of Kilmart, confessed bootlegging before Squire Fleming and is now in jail serving a three month sentence having also a fine of \$100 attached to his term.

## ASKS COUNTY TO PAY FOR BURYING ONE DEAD HORSE

Said Equine Picked Steps of Church As Place To Cash In

CAUSED A SENSATION

Amenable For Breaking Up Religious Meeting If Not Dead

An old bay mare of uncertain age has been the cause of a great commotion in the little town of Hoult and all known to the citizens of Fairmont the excitement at Hoult has waxed and waned until every one in the little village is now again at peace and satisfied. That is, every body except the sexton of the church, A. G. Marks, and he is really not in the town as he lives and has lived for years in a houseboat which is moored above the lock near Hoult.

The whole story came to light today when Mr. Marks came to Fairmont and asked the county physician to recommend the county court to pay for the burial of the horse. It seems that last Wednesday when the congregation were all gathered in the church attending prayer meeting the old bay mare wandered into the town and strolled over to the church steps and there lay down and died.

When the horse dropped on the steps out came the startled congregation to investigate. They saw the dead horse but could not find no owner. The horse was allowed to remain there while every person in the town sought the owner to compel him to haul it away. Failing to find him after a day or so they wined the town authorities to take away the remains which were rapidly becoming offensive. But no action was taken.

Finally sexton Marks, of the church, who is an industrious and ingenious old chap and can build a boat as well as dig a grave, was prevailed upon to haul away the horse and bury the carcass. Today he came to Fairmont to see if the county court would stand the \$5 expense of interment since money every one in Hoult seems to think that the horse was more of a county charge than anything else. Anyway they all agree that it was a stray horse and might sick and weakly else why would it pick the church steps as a fitting place to die.

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## DESPERATE FIGHT NOW GOING ON IN NEWEST THEATRE

Russians Have Begun Offensive In Southeastern Rumania

FROM DANUBE TO SEA

Bulgarian Reports Make Claim of Further Rumanian Losses

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Sept. 8.—The beginning of a great battle in southeast Rumania where the Russians have taken the offensive against the Bulgarians and Germans is reported in a Home dispatch given out by wireless from the struggle is now under way over the whole front in Dobruja between the Danube and the Black sea.

Fighting is particularly desperate near Balklik on the Black sea coast about 10 miles north of the Bulgarian frontier. The information, the wireless dispatch, says was received in Rome from Petrograd.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—An undated official Bulgarian report received here today says that the Bulgarians and German forces which are invading Eastern Rumania have captured the fortresses of Docric and Balklik-Kavarna and Kall-Akra.

The occupation of Orsava by the Rumanians is conceded in the Bulgarian statement.

## PREPAREDNESS IN GAS SITUATION

New Main and Cooling System To Be Cut In Sunday

If all the plans that have been made are carried through, according to schedule the final touch of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company's arrangements for gas service to Fairmont consumers during the coming winter will be taken on Sunday.

At all events about 9 o'clock that morning the gas supply will be shut off and a number of important changes and improvements will be made at the pumping station, and at one or two places on the main lines. It is the hope that the interruption will not last longer than 2 o'clock, but it may take longer.

It is believed that the domestic consumers will be affected, but in order to avoid any chance of danger the company is notifying the public of the shut down and asking that those who expect to be away over Sunday take the precaution to shut off any gas that is in use.

The changes at the pumping station will include the connecting up of a new eight inch gas main and the cutting in of a ten-inch cooling system. Connections for the gasoline station at the pumping station will also be made at the same time.

Advantage will be taken of the shut down to repair a condition in the main on Virginia avenue between Third and Fourth streets which has been getting bad for some time. A slip which is going on there has been pulling the main out of alignment and this will be remedied in such a way that it will give no further trouble.

With these improvements the local gas people believe they will be able to get through the winter without the slightest trouble. The entire summer has been devoted to perfecting the Fairmont situation. Fourteen new wells have been drilled in and other steps have been taken to insure a uniform supply. The work which will be done Sunday would have been undertaken weeks ago but for the fact that it was impossible to get the material.

Quarantine Rules Are Well Observed.  
The new Health Regulations for the prevention of the possibility of an infantile paralysis outbreak in this community are being quietly enforced and carried out all over the city and the last of the opposition to the measures has about died out.

## NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS

In order to make necessary changes in its main pipe lines, the Monongahela Valley Traction Company will be obliged to close down its Gas Pumping Station, Sunday, September 10, 1916, at nine o'clock A. M.

We will endeavor to furnish enough gas for domestic consumption and ask all consumers to take necessary precautions to avoid inconvenience. If leaving the house it will be well to shut off all gas.

Gas will be turned back into the lines as soon as connections are made.

MONONGAHELA VALLEY TRACTION COMPANY